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Drop The Block Campaign to boost to water conservation efforts

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) has deployed over 40 young people from disadvantaged communities of Belhar and Kensington to distribute toilet water reducing products in various townships in the Western Cape.

With the aim of minimising water used to flush our toilet systems, DWS is rolling-out Drop The Block campaign across the country. The campaign is supported by a number of stakeholders and partnerships between the Department, Local authorities and private sector companies such as Woolworths have been established. The drop The Block Campaign is aimed at saving water through installing the device in toilet systems.

According to Nomvula Mokonyane Minister of the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) this initiative is in line with the National Water Resource Strategy 2 which is advocating the need to minimize water wastage, the care and protection of water resources, efficient and effective use of water.

Thabo Masike, Manager water-use efficiency at DWS says the Drop the Block is able to save two litres of water per flush. "After dropping the block into the cistern a household of 4 people who go to the toilet 4 times a day, saves up to 32 litres of water per day", he added.

The Western Cape and the rest of the country are experiencing water challenges due prolonged lower-than-normal rainfall since last year. The uneven rain patterns have caused water stress with some provinces declared disaster areas.

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